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DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION

POSITION PAPER OF THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY AND ITS MEMBER STATES (BELGIUM, DENMARK, FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, FRANCE, IRELAND, ITALY, LUXEMBOURG, NETHERLANDS AND UNCLASSIFIED

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- 1. WITHIN THE COMMUNITY, THE WHOLE COMPLEX OF PROBLEMS CONCERNING RELATIONS BETWEEN INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES HAS IN RECENT MONTHS BEEN RECEIVING CLOSER ATTENTION THAN IN THE PAST AND, IN PARTICULAR, THE LAST MEETING OF THE HEADS OF STATE OR OF GOVERNMENT OF THE MEMBER STATES OF THE COMMUNITY DISCUSSED THESE QUESTIONS WITH A VIEW TO GIVING THE POLITICAL IMPULSE NECESSARY FOR TAKING UP THE DIALOGUE.
- 2. THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE MEMBER STATES AND THE COMMUNITY AUTHORITIES ATTACH GREAT POLITICAL IMPORTANCE TO THIS SPECIAL SESSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY, AS EVIDENCED BY THE STATEMENT CONCERNING THE UNITED NATIONS SOLEMNLY ADOPTED BY THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL.
- 3. THE GOAL TO BE PURSUED IS THE ATTAINMENT OF REAL PROGRESS TOWARDS A BETTER BALANCED AND MORE EQUITABLE STRUCTURE OF INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS, INCLUDING A STRENGTHENING OF THE POSITION OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.
- 4. PROPOSALS MUST COVER A BALANCED PACKAGE OF SUBJECTS TO MEET THE MOST IMPORTANT NEEDS OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND AFFORD GENUINE OPPORTUNITIES FOR PROGRESS IN THE NEAR FUTURE. WITH THIS END IN VIEW, MEASURES ARE PROPOSED NOTABLY UNCLASSIFIED

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IN THE SPHERE OF RAW MATERIALS AND DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION.

- 5. THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE VARIOUS PROPOSALS MUST TAKE INTO PARTICULAR CONSIDERATION THE PROBLEMS OF THE POOREST DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, FOR WHICH SPECIFIC MEASURES OR SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS WOULD BE PLANNED.
- 6. THE ECONOMIC AND COMMERCIAL CONSEQUENCES OF THE MEASURES

ENVISAGED SHOULD BE EVENLY SHARED BY ALL THE INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES.

7. ANY FINANCIAL COSTS RESULTING FROM CERTAIN PROJECTED MEASURES SHOULD BE SHARED AMONG ALL THE PARTIES WITH ADEQUATE RESOURCES. IN ADDITION, CERTAIN INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS COULD SHARE IN THESE COSTS, PARTICULARLY BY ADAPTING AND IMPROVING SOME OF THEIR PRESENT MACHINERY.

I. INTERNATIONAL TRADE

A. RAW MATERIALS

OVER-ALL APPROACH

8. IN VIEW OF THE IMPORTANCE OF TRADE IN RAW MATERIALS FOR A GREAT NUMBER OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THEIR DEVELOPMENT PLANS, THE COMMUNITY AND ITS MEMBER STATES ARE WELL AWARE OF THE CARDINAL IMPORTANCE OF THE EXAMINATION OF THIS PROBLEM FOR THE FURTHER DISCUSSIONS.

9. THE COMMUNITY HAS CONCENTRATED ON STUDYING THESE PROBLEMS IN DEPTH DURING THE LAST FEW MONTHS AND HAS CONCLUDED THAT NEW GUIDELINES SHOULD BE OUTLINED BY THE SPECIAL SESSION IN THE FIELD OF FAW MATERIALS, TAKING ACCOUNT OF THE WORK ALREADY UNDERTAKEN ON THIS SUBJECT WITHIN UNCTAD. THIS WORK SHOULD BE ACCELERATED IN ORDER TO REACH AGREEMENT, IF POSSIBLE IN UNCTAD IV, ON AN OVER-ALL APPROACH IN THE FIELD OF RAW MATERIALS WHICH CONSTITUTE A MAJOR PROPORTION OF THE EXPORT EARNINGS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, IN ORDER TO:

--ENCOURAGE THEIR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT THROUGHT THE STABILITY OF THEIR EXPORT EARNINGS FROM RAW MATERIALS AND UNCLASSIFIED

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THROUGH INCREASING THEIR FOREIGN CURRENCY EARNINGS, IN PARTICULAR BY THE DIVERSIFICATION OF THEIR PRODUCTION AND BY THE PROCESSING OF RAW MATERIALS;

- --ACHIEVE PRICES WHICH ARE FAIR FOR CONSUMERS AND RE-MUNERATIVE FOR PRODUCERS AND TO ENCOURAGE A LONG-TERM EQUILIBRIUM BETWEEN EXPANDING PRODUCTION AND INCREASING CONSUMPTION;
- --PROVIDE SPECIAL TREATMENT FOR THE POOREST PRODUCERS;
- --CREATE MORE OUTLETS FOR PRODUCING COUNTRIES AND MORE STABLE SUPPLIES FOR CONSUMER COUNTRIES. THE APPLICATION OF THESE PRINCIPLES WILL BE ASSISTED BY A STEADY AND BALANCED GROWTH IN INTERNATIONAL TRADE;

--ACHIEVE ADEQUATE INVESTMENT LEVELS IN THE COMMODITIES--PRODUCING SECTORS.

10. THIS APPROACH WOULD COMPRISE A SERIES OF COMPLEMENTARY MEASURES WHICH CONSTITUTE AN ENTITY IN THE FOLLOWING FIELDS:

- --MEASURES TO LIMIT EXCESSIVE PRICE FLUCTUATIONS;
- --STABILIZATION OF EXPORT EARNINGS;
- -- PRODUCTION AND SUPPLY;
- --INFORMATION AND CONSULTATION;
- --TRADE COOPERATION;
- --INDUSTRIAL COOPERATION.

PROPOSED ACTION

11. MEASURES TO LIMIT PRICE FLUCTUATIONS

WITH REGARD TO THE PRICE OF RAW MATERIALS, IT IS IN THE INTEREST OF EVERYONE, AND IN PARTICULAR THE PRODUCER DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, TO AVOID EXCESSIVE FLUCTUATIONS AND TO FIND LEVELS LINCLASSIFIED

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WHICH ARE FAIR FOR CONSUMERS AND REMUNERATIVE FOR PRODUCERS, ENCOURAGING A LONG-TERM BALANCE BETWEEN EXPANDING PRODUCTION AND INCREASING CONSUMPTION. THE COMMUNITY IS THUS PREPARED TO EXAMINE WHICH PRODUCTS CREATE DIFFICULTIES FOR THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND TO EXAMINE INSTRUMENTS AND MEANS OF SOLVING THESE DIFFICULTIES. THE INSTRUMENTS (E.G. COMMODITY AGREEMENTS) MAY COVER A VERY WIDE RANGE AND MAY, WHERE NECESSARY, BE COMBINED. A CHOICE CANNOT BE MADE WITHOUT CONSIDERING SPECIFIC CASES. THE IMPLEMENTATION OF SUCH SOLUTIONS SHOULD ALSO PROMOTE STABILITY OF SUPPLIES.

12. INTERNATIONAL ACTION ON STABILIZATION OF EXPORT EARNINGS

THE COMMUNITY RECOGNIZES WITH REGARD TO EXPORT EARNINGS THE SERIOUSNESS OF THE PROBLEMS CREATED BY THE INSTABILITY OF THE EARNINGS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WHICH EXPORT RAW MATERIALS. IN ORDER TO TAKLE THESE PROBLEMS-AND BEARING IN MIND THE SPECIFIC ACTION AGREED UNDER THE LOME CONVENTION-THE COMMUNITY AND ITS MEMBER STATES UNDERTAKE TO PROMOTE AND PARTICIPATE IN INTERNATIONAL ACTION WITH THE AIM OF:

-IMPROVING THE COMPENSATORY FINANCING MECHANISMS OF

THE INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND FOR DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WHICH PRODUCE RAW MATERIALS:

-IMPLEMENTATING SPECIFIC MEASURES FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE POOREST DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, TO BE APPLICABLE IN THE EVENT OF A FALL IN EXPORT EARNINGS FROM THEIR PRODUCTS, THE DETAILED IMPLEMENTING RULES BEING ADJUSTED TO THE GENERAL FINANCIAL SITUATION OF THE COUNTRIES IN QUESTION.

#### 13. PRODUCTION AND SUPPLY

CONDITIONS SHOULD BE SOUGHT AT INTERNATIONAL LEVEL TO FACILITATE THE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLY OF RAW MATERIALS IN A SPIRIT OF COOPERATION.

14. INFORMATION AND CONSULTATION

ACTION SHOULD BE TAKEN TO IMPROVE INFORMATION AND CONSULTATION ON THE SUPPLY AND DEMAND SITUATION.
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### 15. TRADE COOPERATION

IN THE CONTEXT OF THE GENERAL PROPOSALS REFERRED TO IN PART B OF THIS SECTION, A SPECIAL EFFORT SHOULD BE MADE TO IMPROVE ACCESS TO THE MARKETS OF INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES FOR RAW MATERIALS AND PRODUCTS OF FIRST-STAGE PROCESSING FROM DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

16. INDUSTRIAL COOPERATION

IN THE CONTEXT OF THE GENERAL PROPOSAL REFERRED TO IN SECTION III OF THIS PAPER, A SPECIAL EFFORT SHOULD BE MADE TO PROMOTE EXPLOITATION AND ON-THE-SPOT PROCESSING OF RAW MATERIALS UNDER ECONOMICALLY VIABLE CONDITIONS.

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B. INCENTIVES FOR THE STABLISHMENT OF INDUSTRIAL CONCERNS IN THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

8. INVITES THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES TO TAKE JOINTLY SUCH STEPS AS WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO ENCOURAGE AND PERSUADE FIRMS AND NATIONALS WHICH ARE ABLE TO DO SO, TO PROMOTE THE GROWTH OF INDUSTRIAL ACTIVITY IN THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. HAVING REGARD TO THE PRIORITIES AND DEVELOPMENT PLANS OF THOSE COUNTRIES.

9. ASKS THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES TO EXAMINE IN THE LIGHT OF THE CONSULTATIONS PROPOSED ABOVE, THOSE POLICIES WHICH THEY COULD ADOPT JOINTLY - TAKING ACCOUNT OF THEIR ECONOMIC STRUCTURE, THEIR ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL OBJECTIVES AND THE CONSTRAINTS IMPOSED ON THEM BY MATTERS UNCLASSIFIED UNCLASSIFIED

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OF SECURITY - IN ORDER THAT THEIR PRODUCTION FACILITIES MIGHT BE GEARED MORE EFFECTIVELY TO HELPING THE INDUSTRIALIZATION OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

10. INVITES THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES TO PROVIDE DETAILS OF THEIR PLANS AND PRIORITIES IN ORDER TO ELICIT THE CO-OPERATION OF FIRMS AND NATIONALS IN THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES, PARTICULARLY THOSE WHICH ARE CONSIDERING ADAPTING THEIR INDUSTRIAL ACTIVITY\*Q6U5/\*7AUA(F6Y-T)CA\*\*E O;<6R81F7PJ:

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40. IN THIS CONTEXT, FUNDAMENTAL AIM OF COMMUNITY IS PROMOTION OF AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES RATHER THAN CONCENTRATION ON FOOD AID, WHICH CAN HAVE SIDE EFFECT OF DISCOURAGING DOMESTIC EFFORTS FOR INCREASED FOOD PRODUCTION. FOR THIS REASON, TRANSITIONAL CHARACTER OF FOOD AID SHOULD BE KEPT IN MIND WHEN FORWARD PLANNING IS CONSIDERED. WHILST GIVING PRIORITY TO INCREASING FOOD PRODUCTION IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, COMMUNITY IS READY, IN VIEW OF URGENCY OF CURRENT FOOD NEEDS, TO CONTINUE ITS FOOD AID EFFORTS TAKING INTO ACCOUNT OBJECTIVES ACCEPTED AT WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE.

41. IT IS ALSO NECESSARY TO MOBILIZE TECHNICAL AND FINANCIAL

AID CAPACITIES IN ALL COUNTRIES WHICH ARE ACTUAL OR POTENTIAL DONORS.

42. COUNCIL OF EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES WILLBE FURTHER CONSIDERING UNCLASSIFIED UNCLASSIFIED

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QUESTION OF INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT IN OCTOBER.

- 43. IN LIGHT OF ABOVE CONSIDERATIONS, COMMUNITY AND ITS MEMBER STATES, AFTER STUDYING POSITION PAPER OF G-77 ON THIS SUBJECT (A/10003/ADD.1 (PART I,) ANNEX I), HAVE PROPOSED FOLLOWING ALTERNATIVE FORMULATION:
- "1. SOLUTION TO WORLD FOOD PROBLEMS LIES PRIMARILY IN INCREASING RAPIDLY FOOD PRODUCTION IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. TO THIS END, NECESSARY CHANGES IN PATTERN OF WORLD FOOD PRODUCTION SHOULD BE INTRODUCED. TRADE POLICY MEASURES SHOULD BE IMPLEMENTED IN ORDER TO OBTAIN NOTABLE INCREASE AND DIVERSIFICATION OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION AND EXPORT EARNINGS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.
- 2. IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE THESE OBJECTIVES IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT:
- DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN A POSITION TO DO SO INCREASE SUBSTANTIALLY THE VOLUME OF ASSISTANCE TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES FOR AGRICULTURE AND FOOD PRODUCTION IN PARTICULAR TO THOSE COUNTRIES WITH FOOD DEFICITS AND TO THE "MSA" COUNTRIES:
- DEVELOPED COUNTRIES CONTINUE TO GIVE INCREASING ACCESS TO THEIR MARKETS FOR AGRICULTURAL AND FOOD PRODUCTS, BOTH IN RAW AND PROCESSED FORM, OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES;
- DEVELOPING COUNTRIES ACCORD HIGH PRIORITY TO AGRICULTURAL AND FISHERIES DEVELOPMENT, INCREASE INVESTMENTS ACCORDINGLY AND ADOPT POLICIES WHICH GIVE ADEQUATE INCENTIVES TO AGRICULTURAL PRODUCERS.
- 3. IN VIEW OF THE IMPTRTANCE OF FOOD AID AS A TRANSITIONAL MEASURE, THERE SHOULD BE UNIVERSAL ACCEPTANCE BOTH OF THE PRINCIPLE OF A MINIMUM AID TARGET OF 10 MILLION TONS OF FOOD GRAINS IN CASH OR KIND SET FOR 1975-1976, AND OF THE CONCEPT OF FORWARD PLANNING OF FOOD AID FOR MORE THAN A SINGLE SEASON.
- 4. WHERE FOOD AID IS NOT AT PRESENT PROVIDED AS GRANTS, DONOR COUNTRIES SHOULD INCREASE THE GRANT COMPONENT. DONORS SHOULD FURTHER ACCEPT THE AIM OF AN OVER-ALL INCREASE UNCLASSIFIED UNCLASSIFIED

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IN MULTILATERAL

CHANNELLING OF FOOD AID. IN PROVIDING FOOD,
GRAINS AND FINANCES ON SOFT TERMS TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES
IN NEED OF SUCH ASSISTANCE, DONOR COUNTRIES SHOULD TAKE DUE
ACCOUNT OF THE INTERESTS OF THE FOOD-EXPORTING DEVELOPING
COUNTRIES. WHERE APPROPRIATE SUCH ASSISTANCE CAN TAKE THE
FORM OF PURCHASES FROM THE FOOD-EXPORTING DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

5. DEVELOPED COUNTRIES AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN A POSITION TO DO SO SHOULD PROVIDE FOOD GRAINS AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE ON SOFT TERMS TO THE MOST SERIOUSLY AFFECTED COUNTRIES, TO ENABLE THEM TO MEET THEIR FOOD AND AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT REQUIREMENTS WITHIN THE CONSTRAINTS OF THEIR PRECARIOUS BALANCE-OF-PAYMENTS POSITION. DONOR COUNTRIES SHOULD ALSO PROVIDE AID ON SOFT TERMS, IN CASH AND KIND, THROUGH BILATERAL AND MULTIALTERAL CHANNELS TO ENABLE THE MOST SERIOUSLY AFFECTED COUNTRIES TO OBTAIN THE NECESSARY QUANTITY OF PLANT NUTRIENTS.

6. DEVELOPED COUNTRIES AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN A
POSITION TO DO SO SHOULD IN CHANNELLING BOTH THEIR BILATERAL
AND MULTILATERAL FOOD AID TAKE INTO DUE ACCOUNT THE NORMAL
COMMERICIAL MARKET PRACTICES AND PREVENT DISRUPTIVE PRACTICES
WHICH CAUSE UNDUE FLUCTUATINONS OF MARKET PRICES.

IN ORDER THAT SUCH AID SHOULD, TO THE MAXIMUM POSSIBLE EXTENT, CORRESPOND TO AN OBJECTIVE ASSESSMENT OF REQUIREMENTS OF FOOD-IMPORTING DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, ALL COUNTRIES SHOULD PARTICIPATE IN THE GLOBAL INFORMATION AND EARLY WARNING SYSTEM.

7. THE CONSULTATIVE GROUP ON FOOD PRODUCTION AND INVESTMENT IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES SHOULD QUICKLY IDENTIFY DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WITH POTENTIAL FOR THE MOST RAPID AND EFFICIENT INCREASE OF FOOD PRODUCTION AS WELL AS THE POTENTIAL FOR RAPID AGRICULTURAL EXPANSION IN OTHER DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. ON THE BASIS OF SUCH AN ASSESSMENT, DEVELOPED COUNTRIES, DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN A POSITION TO DO SO, AND THE COMPETENT INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS WILL BE BETTER ABLE TO CONCENTRATE RESOURCES FOR THE RAPID INCREASE OF AGRICULTURAL AND FOOD PRODUCTION INALL DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. UNCLASSIFIED

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8. ALL COUNTRIESSHOULD ADOPT INDIVIDUALLY AND COLLECTIVELY
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